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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN MOFFETT'S LETTER OF OCT 31 TO
SECRETARY

1. TEXT OF MOFFETT LETTER FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT--DEAR SECRARY VANCE: I AM WRITING ON
BEHALF OF SEVEN ARGENTINE POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO
WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE ON NOVEMBER 10. THE SEVEN
ARE EDITH STAHELLI DE FRIAS, SUSANA PIOLI, EDUARDO
GONZALES, EDUARDO GRUTSKY, RUBEN PIAZZA, AND JUAN GONZALEZ.

ALL OF THESE PRISONERS WILL COMPLETE THEIR THREE-YEAR
SENTENCES NEXT MONTH. THEY ARE AMONG THE FIRST TO HAVE
BEEN ARRESTED UNDER STATE OF SEIGE PROVISIONS; ALL HAVE
BEEN MISTREATED AND SEVERAL TORTURED DURING THEIR
DETAINMENT.

I AM CONCERNED THAT THESE SEVEN PRISONERS WILL NOT BE
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RELEASED AT THE COMPLETION OF THEIR SENTENCES. RECENTLY THREE OF THEM HAVE BEEN SEVERELY PUNISHED IN PRISON, AND ONE DISAPPEARED FOR TEN DAYS DURING WHICH TIME HE WAS "INTERROGATED" AND TORTURED. THE TIMING OF THIS INTENSIFIED HARASSMENT, AND THE WELL-DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF EXCESSES COMMITTED BY THE SECURITY FORCES, SUGGEST

THAT THE LIVES AND RIGHTS OF THESE PRISONERS ARE IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY.

IN YOUR UPCOMING TALKS WITH GENERAL VIDEIA, I ASK YOU TO URGE HIM TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS PROMISE TO RESTORE THE RIGHT OF OPTION FOR ALL PRISONERS HELD UNDER THE STATE OF SEIGE, AND TO RELEASE PRISONERS WHEN THEIR SENTENCES ARE COMPLETED. I ASK YOU ESPECIALLY TO INQUIRE INTO THE CASES OF THESE SEVEN PRISONERS, TO ENSURE THEIR RELEASE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER, CORDIALLY, (SIGNED) TOBY MOFFETT
MEMBER OF CONGRESS. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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